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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTIPLE BYTE OR PAGE MODE
PROGRAMMING AND READING AND FOR ERASING OF A FLASH MEMORY ARRAY
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This is in response to the request for correction of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), which was filed on January 14, 2003.

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the patent application publication omits the phrase "Claims" at the beginning of the claims section.

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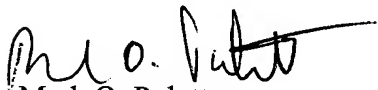
¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2818 to await further examination in due course.

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